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STREAMLINING OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to streamline the Road Transport and Highway system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for this propose;

(d) whether instructions have been issued to State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the extent to which they have been successful in implementing these instructions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c). The Central Government is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways and legislation relating to the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and rules made thereunder. Improvement of Road Transport and National Highways systems is a continuous and ongoing process. Construction and maintenance of National Highways is done through various agencies such as National Highways Authority of India, State Public Work Departments, Border Road Organisations etc. The development and maintenance of State Highways and other roads is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government has undertaken a massive programme of development of National Highways under various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP). This includes the Golden Quadrilateral (5846 KMs), North-South and East-West Corridors (7300 KMs), Port connectivity (356 KMs) and other Projects (777 KMs) under NHDP Phase-I and II, and 4-laning of 10,000 Kms of National Highways through BOT under Phase-III, etc.

Central Government has no enforcement machinery for enforcing the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The States are responsible for enforcing these provisions.

(d) & (e) Instructions are issued from time to time on several aspects to disseminate various relevant information which include, inter-alia, the aspects of interstate transport and induction of Information Technology in transport sector. For the areas of responsibility vested with States, the assessment of successful implementation of the same is to be done by them.